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Office Memorandum **CONFIDENTIAL** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : General Counsel  
FROM : CSB  
SUBJECT: Automobile Accident

DATE:  
27 August 1947.

25X1A Pursuant to verbal discussions between your office and Security Branch, there is transmitted herewith a report by [REDACTED] concerning an accident in which he was involved in [REDACTED]

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This is the first accident in which any of the three automobiles assigned to the Security Branch have been involved, and while the amount may be considered nominal, the incident raises a question as to how future accidents may be handled by our personnel.

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Security Branch has been assigned three automobiles which are located as follows: [REDACTED] and one in Washington, D. C. There is one Resident Agent in [REDACTED] who is the only individual driving this Government car assigned him. In [REDACTED] there are eight men who from time to time operate the car assigned to that office and in Washington, there are seven men having access to their automobile. Most of the men do not possess private automobiles and consequently, are not in possession of insurance policies which would normally cover accidents in which they may become involved. Further, this office has been advised by the Transportation Division that our three cars are registered in the name of the Central Intelligence Group and do not have insurance.

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It is therefore recommended that the Security Branch be allowed to notify the Agents in Charge that future accidents in which their men may become involved, wherein the cost is determined not to exceed \$25, the individual Agent may assume the obligation with the assurance that he will be reimbursed by the organization. This is not meant to imply that the Agent involved in the accident will assume the blame automatically but that where there is reasonable doubt as to fault, our security is better maintained by admission of blame rather than contesting the affair. Should the accident be such as to involve a sum exceeding \$25, the Agent, using his own good discretion, should identify himself as an employee of the Central Intelligence Group, naming [REDACTED] in Washington, D. C., as his superior and furnishing [REDACTED] telephone number. This, of course, is to be followed with a full written report of the circumstances surrounding the accident together with a copy of the police report. These, in turn, will be submitted to General Counsel for proper disposition.

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It is further requested that the attached report of accident by [REDACTED] be allowed and this office so notified in order that Special Funds may be made aware and the claim allowed by this organization.

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[REDACTED]  
Chief, Security Branch, OSO

Encl.

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